

## REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are presented for consideration. Claims 1, 8, 17, and 24 are independent. Applicants have not amended, canceled, or added any claims.

### Rejection of Claims 1-30 Under Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-30 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16, 40-46 of U.S. Patent No. 6,687,838 to Orenstien et al. (hereinafter "Orenstien"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

In papers filed herewith, Applicants have submitted a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application that would extend beyond the expiration of the full statutory term of U.S. Patent No. 6,687,838. Applicants respectfully submit that the Terminal Disclaimer overcomes the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and remove the rejection to claims 1-30.



# CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all grounds for rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot and that the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if the Examiner believes that an interview might be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,

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